

FISCAL NOTE

SB 673 - HB 780

March 5, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a Class D felony offense for an election official to allow persons known to be ineligible to register to vote or to vote; and makes it a Class A misdemeanor for an election official to allow an unauthorized person to perform the duties of an election official.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$2,600 / Incarceration*

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- One Class D felony every five years with 0.6 years time served (219.15 days). The annualized time served per conviction is 43.83 days (0.20 annual number of convictions x 219.15 days served). According to the Department of Correction, the average operating cost per inmate per day for calendar 2007 is \$60.16. The annualized cost per conviction is \$2,636.81 (0.20 x 219.15 x \$60.16).
- No significant incarceration cost increase will occur due to population growth in this period.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenses.

**Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-210, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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